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IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A drum glove for holding a drumstick[[s]], comprising:

2 a back covering;

3 a palm covering, the palm covering being joined to the back covering in order to form a sheath
4 adapted for encasing dorsal and ventral aspects of a hand;

5 a wrist portion extending from the sheath adapted for encircling a wrist;

6 a plurality of tubular finger sleeves extending from the sheath, including an index finger sleeve, the
7 finger sleeves being open-ended and adapted for exposing middle and distal phalanges of a user's fingers;

8 a tubular thumb sleeve extending from the sheath, the thumb sleeve being open-ended and adapted
9 for exposing a distal phalanx of the user's thumb; ~~and~~

10 at least one elastic band extending diagonally across the palm covering, ~~the band being adapted~~
11 ~~for retaining the drumstick to the glove~~ for retaining the drumstick to the glove; and

12 an additional elastic band attached to the index finger sleeve for retaining the drumstick to the glove.

Claim 2. (*Canceled*).

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1 Claim 3. (*Original*) A drum glove as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one said elastic band
2 comprises two elastic bands extending diagonally across the palm covering.

1 Claim 4. (*Original*) A drum glove as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one said elastic band consists
2 of two elastic bands extending diagonally across the palm covering.

Claim 5. (*Canceled*).

1 Claim 6. (*Currently Amended*) The drum glove according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of finger
2 sleeves further comprises ~~an index finger sleeve~~, a middle finger sleeve, a ring finger sleeve, and a little finger
3 sleeve.

Claims 7 and 8. (*Canceled*).

1 Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) A drum glove for holding a drumstick[[s]], comprising:
2 a sheath having a back covering, and a palm covering, the palm covering being joined to the back
3 covering, the sheath adapted for encasing a palm and a back ~~back~~ of a hand;
4 a plurality of tubular finger sleeves extending from the sheath including an index finger sleeve, the
5 finger sleeves being open-ended ~~and adapted~~ for exposing middle and distal phalanges of a user's fingers;

6 a tubular thumb sleeve extending from the sheath, the thumb sleeve being open-ended and adapted
7 for exposing a distal phalanx of the user's thumb;

8 first and second elastic bands extending diagonally across the palm covering of the sheath for
9 retaining the drumstick to the glove; and

10 a third elastic band attached to the index finger sleeve, ~~the first, second and third elastic bands being~~
11 ~~adapted~~ for retaining the drumstick to the glove.

1 Claim 10. (*Original*) The drum glove according to claim 9, further comprising a wrist portion extending
2 from the sheath adapted for encircling a wrist.

1 Claim 11. (*Currently Amended*) A pair of drum gloves, comprising:

2 a first drum glove, including:

3 a first sheath having a back covering and a palm covering, the palm covering being joined
4 to the back covering, the first sheath adapted for encasing a palm and a back of a first hand;

5 a plurality of tubular finger sleeves extending from the first sheath including an index finger
6 sleeve, the finger sleeves being open-ended and adapted for exposing middle and distal phalanges of a
7 user's fingers;

8 a tubular thumb sleeve extending from the first sheath, the thumb sleeve being open-ended
and adapted for exposing a distal phalanx of the user's thumb;

10 first and second elastic bands extending diagonally across the palm covering of the first
11 sheath for retaining a first drumstick to the first glove; and

12 a third elastic band attached to the index finger sleeve, ~~the first, second and third elastic~~
13 ~~bands being adapted~~ for retaining the first drumstick to the first glove; and

14 a second drum glove, including:

15 a second sheath having a back covering and a palm covering, the palm covering being
16 joined to the back covering, the second sheath adapted for encasing a palm and a back of a second hand;

17 a plurality of tubular finger sleeves extending from the second sheath including an index
18 finger sleeve, the finger sleeves being open-ended and adapted for exposing middle and distal phalanges
19 of the user's fingers;

20 a tubular thumb sleeve extending from the second sheath, the thumb sleeve being open-
21 ended and adapted for exposing a distal phalanx of the user's thumb;

22 ~~a fourth second~~ at least one elastic band extending diagonally across the palm covering of
23 the second sheath, ~~the first, second third, and fourth elastic bands being adapted for retaining drumsticks~~
24 ~~to the first and second gloves;~~ a second drumstick to the second glove.

25 wherein the first and second drum gloves are mirror images of each other adapted for being worn on the
26 user's left and right hands.

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1 Claim 12. (*New*) The pair of drum gloves of claim 11, wherein the second sheath further comprises a
2 fourth elastic band attached to the index finger sleeve, and said at least one elastic band includes a fifth and
3 sixth elastic bands extending diagonally across the palm covering of the second sheath, such that the first
4 and second drum gloves are mirror images of each other.

1 Claim 13. (*New*) The pair of drum gloves of claim 11, wherein said at least one elastic band consists of
2 a single elastic band extending diagonally across the palm covering of the second sheath.